

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims replaces all prior versions and listings of claims in this application.

Listing of Claims:

1-39. (Canceled)

40. (Currently Amended) A rinse agent composition comprising:

- (a) sheeting agent comprising nonionic block copolymer surfactant in an amount for promoting draining of sheets of water from a surface, wherein the nonionic block copolymer comprises ethylene oxide and propylene oxide units; and
- (b) humectant comprising ~~propylene glycol~~ glycerine and at least one other humectant, wherein the humectant comprises a material that contains greater than 5 wt.% water when the humectant is equilibrated at 50% relative humidity and room temperature;

wherein the sheeting agent and the humectant are different and the weight ratio of the total amount of humectant in the rinse agent composition to the total amount of sheeting agent in the rinse agent composition is greater than 1:2, and wherein the rinse agent composition, when provided as an aqueous rinse containing an active materials concentration of 10 parts per million to 500 parts per million, reduces water solids filming in the presence of rinse water containing in excess of 200 parts per million total dissolved solids compared to an aqueous rinse not containing the humectant.

41. (Previously Presented) A rinse agent composition according to claim 40, further comprising a pH adjusting agent including citric acid.

42. (Canceled)

43. (Currently Amended) A rinse agent composition according to claim ~~[[42]]~~ 40, wherein the nonionic block copolymer further comprises a number average molecular weight of between about 1,500 and about 100,000.

44-46. (Canceled)

47. (Currently Amended) A composition comprising:

- (a) at least 10 wt.% sheeting agent comprising polyoxyethylene-polyoxypropylene block copolymer; and
- (b) at least 10 wt.% humectant comprising glycerine and ~~propylene glycol~~ at least one other humectant, wherein the humectant comprises a material that contains greater than 5 wt.% water when the humectant is equilibrated at 50% relative humidity and room temperature; wherein the weight ratio of the total amount of humectant to the total amount of sheeting agent is ~~between 3:1 and~~ about 1:3 to about 1:1.

48. (Previously Presented) A composition according to claim 47, wherein the polyoxyethylene-polyoxypropylene block copolymer has a number average molecular weight of between about 1,500 and about 100,000.

49. (Previously Presented) A composition according to claim 47, wherein the polyoxyethylene-polyoxypropylene block copolymer has the formula:



wherein EO is an ethylene oxide group, PO is a propylene oxide group, x is about 10 to about 130, y is about 15 to about 70, and x+y is about 25 to about 200.

50. (Previously Presented) A composition according to claim 47, wherein the polyoxyethylene-polyoxypropylene block copolymer has the formula:



wherein EO is an ethylene oxide group, PO is a propylene oxide group, x is about 10 to about 130, y is about 15 to about 70, and x+y is about 25 to about 200.

51. (Previously Presented) A composition according to claim 47, wherein the polyoxyethylene-polyoxypropylene block copolymer has the formula:



wherein EO is an ethylene oxide group, PO is a propylene oxide group, x is about 10 to about 130, y is about 15 to about 70, and x+y is about 25 to about 200.

52. (Previously Presented) A composition according to claim 47, wherein the composition comprises less than about 50 wt.% humectant.
53. (New) A composition according to claim 47, wherein the at least one other humectant comprises propylene glycol.
54. (New) A composition according to claim 47, further comprising propylene glycol.
55. (New) A composition according to claim 40, wherein the at least one other humectant comprises propylene glycol.

Support for Amendment

The above amendment cancels claims 27-39, 42, and 44-46.

Claim 40 is amended to include the features of canceled claim 42 and to characterize the humectant as comprising glycerine and at least one other humectant, and to further characterize the humectant as a material that contains greater than 5 wt.% water equilibrated at 50% relative humidity and room temperature. This amendment is supported by the specification at, for example, page 9, lines 9-18.

Claim 43 is amended so that it depends on claim 40 rather than canceled claim 42.

It is pointed out that claims 47-52 were introduced as part of the Amendment mailed on July 9, 2004. The outstanding Office Action failed to recognize that claims 47-52 were introduced as a result of the Amendment mailed on July 9, 2004.

Claim 47 is amended to more clearly characterize the humectant as comprising glycerine and at least one other humectant, wherein the humectant comprises a material that contains greater than 5 wt.% water equilibrated at 50% relative humidity and room temperature. Again, this feature is supported by the specification at page 9, lines 9-18. In addition, claim 47 is amended to correct a typographical error in characterizing the ratio of total amount of humectant to total amount of sheeting agent. The Examiner's attention is directed to the specification at page 9, lines 19-23, where the grounds for this correction are provided.

Claims 53-55 are introduced characterizing the presence of propylene glycol. It is pointed out that propylene glycol is identified as a humectant at page 9, lines 9-14.

No new matter is introduced by the above amendment, and entry thereof is requested. Upon entry, claims 40, 41, 43, and 47-55 are active in this application.

It is pointed out that the cancelled claims are cancelled without prejudice to pursuing the cancelled claims in a continuing patent application.